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THE SITE OF OLDE "JAMES TOWNE," 1607-1698. By Samuel H. Yonge. Published by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Richmond: 1904.

Mr. Yonge's masterly study of the topography of Jamestown and of its history from 1607 to 1698, which for some time past has been in course of publication in this magazine, is completed in the present number.

A limited edition has been reprinted and will be ready about November 1st. It will be neatly bound in cloth, and in addition to the maps and plans which have already appeared, will be illustrated by several new photographs of the places of chief interest on the island, and with a sketch, by the author, of a restoration of the original church.

It is needless to say anything in commendation of Mr. Yonge's work, for it has already established itself as the authoritative, and (perhaps it would not be too much to say), the final statement in regard to the topography of Jamestown.

The author, whose acquirements as an engineer were as essential as his learning as an antiquary for the task he took in hand, has resurrected the old "citty." He came to Jamestown (as U. S. engineer in charge of the construction of the sea-wall), and found a ruined church and churchyard standing in open fields, with barely a tradition remaining in regard to the site or plan of the first capital of Virginia. Now, through his efforts, we know the site of the public buildings, of the homes of distinguished colonists, of the forts and the location of the old shore line, and can even say, within a few yards, exactly where the first settlers landed.

Mr. Yonge has generously assigned all his rights in the present edition to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and all profits from the book will be used to help plans of preservation or improvement at Jamestown.

The ladies of the Association feel that in publishing Mr. Yonge's work they are erecting a monument to the founders of our country more durable than many which might be built of stone.

The price of *The Site of 'Olde James Towne'* will be one dollar, and for the present any orders which may be sent in care of the editor of this magazine will receive proper attention.

THE REGISTER OF ST. PETER'S PARISH, NEW KENT COUNTY, VA. Published by the Society of Colonial Dames of America, in the State of Virginia.

In our July number it was announced that the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames proposed to print the valuable register of the births, deaths and marriages in this old parish. The printing of the register has been completed and at the time this is written (in the last week in

September) the index is progressing rapidly. The book will probably be ready for delivery about the middle of October.

St Peter's was one of the oldest of the Virginia parishes and descendants of its people have spread all over the United States. To all of them this work will be of exceeding interest, and will doubtless have a place in all collections of Virginiana.

The advance subscriptions have been gratifying and the small edition will no doubt soon be taken up. The ladies of the society learnt by experience that it was not wise to print so large an edition as that in which the register of Christ Church, Middlesex, was published, and that for the present register is much smaller.

The price is $5.00, and orders should be sent to Mrs. Sally Nelson Robins, 707 East Franklin street, Richmond.

THE VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS—RECORDS OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, 1721-1800.

The Genealogical Association, 1 East 14th street, New York, has undertaken the most laborious yet praiseworthy task of publishing in a series of volumes, the county records of Virginia. Spotsylvania was chosen as the starting point, and the volume on that county will be ready for delivery about October 15th.

Its contents will comprise: abstracts of wills and deeds, marriage bonds, guardians' bonds, administrators' bonds, and a list of Revolutionary officers and soldiers.

During the summer the writer was at Spotsylvania Court House and can testify to the thoroughness and accuracy with which the representative of the Genealogical Association was doing his work.

There could be no record publication which could appeal to more people than this series of county records. Everyone who has had occasion to consult the Virginia county records, scattered about in remote county seats, will give this new series a warm welcome.

The next county to be undertaken is Middlesex, 1673-1800, and others will follow as rapidly as the abstracts and copies can be made.

To prepare such a work in regard to any one county is a costly and laborious matter, and on account of this and the considerable size of the volume which will be required, the price has been fixed at $7.50.

It is understood that the advance subscription has fully covered the cost of the Spotsylvania volume, and it is hoped sincerely that the entire series will receive the like hearty support.

Orders should be sent to Fox, Duffield & Co., 36 East 21st street, New York.